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Mouse-infested north London pizzeria fined £5k after droppings found near food

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Filth: Mouse droppings were found in the food storage area of the Edmonton Pizzeria *Enfield Council*

A filthy mouse-infested pizzeria in north London has been ordered to pay nearly £5,000 after droppings were discovered metres from where food was prepared.

Apple Pizza, in Upton Road, Edmonton, was shut down after a routine hygiene inspection found a string of safety risks which also included storing raw meat by ready-to-eat cheese.

Photographs of the filth taken by officers from Enfield Council show mouse-droppings in the food storage area, food waste mingled in electrical wiring and a grubby chip vat.

The evidence was used to convict owner Kamran Javadpour, 48, Upton Road, of 14 breaches of food hygiene regulations.



Safety risk: Food waste was found mingled in wiring (Enfield Council)

He pleaded guilty and on June 2 at Tottenham Magistrates' Court was given an eight-week jail sentence suspended for 12 months.



Grease: The dirty chip pan inspectors found (Enfield Council)

The company was then ordered to pay £4,662.44 in fines and costs.

Enfield Council said the pizzeria had a history of poor hygiene dating back to 2012 and had ignored repeated warnings.

Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Daniel Anderson, said: "It is completely unacceptable for food businesses to put residents at risk through shoddy working practices and poor basic hygiene and we will take action when we find those failings.

"We work with food outlets in Enfield to raise standards, but where businesses are unwilling or unable to meet the standards we expect we will close them down and prosecute, as we did in this case."

Enfield Council said the premises was allowed to reopen on February 11, 2015, a day after agreeing to an immediate voluntary closure following the inspection.